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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### We Want You for the Allandale Garage Sale!

Saturday, May 5  
9am-2pm

see article on page 23

## Condolences to the Bombing Victims; Thanks to Law Enforcement

Allandale Neighborhood Association Executive Committee

**E**ven though the recent bombings didn't happen in our neighborhood, we too were gripped with fear as we watched the events unfold. It is sad when one individual can inflict so much pain and suffering on families and

loved ones. As such, the ANA sends our condolences to the families of Stephan House and Draylen Mason. We also wish

a speedy recovery to Esperanza Herrera, and all others that were injured in the explosions.

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## Lights Out at the Light Bulb Shop

Jim Shay

**W**ho would have ever predicted that the closing of a small, family-owned Austin retail shop would be reported in two stories –with photo-

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## Our Future Looks Bright With Civic Minded Young Adults, Including our Neighbor!

Laura Beck

**R**egardless of your political leanings, the mass shooting in Parkland FL is tough to bear, as is any tragedy, especially those that affect young people. Regardless of your political leanings, seeing the young adults in FL, and across America, turn that tragedy into action gives amazing hope for the future. The next generation is already so civically minded, engaged and involved, and passionately gets behind their beliefs and turns them into action. As a mom of two, I am so proud of what I know the adults of tomorrow will do in this world.

Our own neighbor, Conor Heffernan, is one of the leaders of the Austin version

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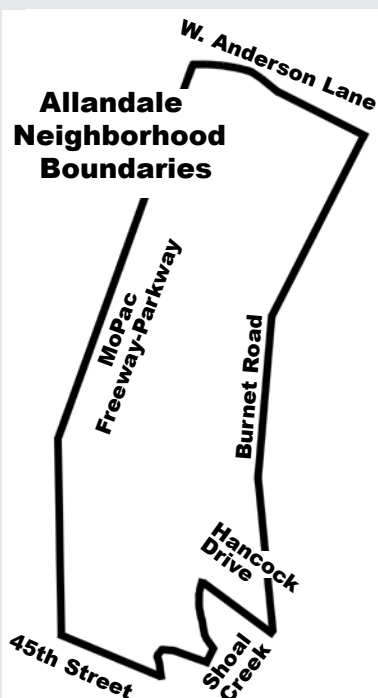
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## President's Letter: The Season of Change is Upon Us

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Spring is a season of change, and much has happened in Allandale and Austin since my last President's Letter. Northwest Park received a spring spruce-up when the Allandale Neighborhood Association's Parks Committee organized an "It's My Park Day" event at the park in March. Thanks to the dozens of volunteers from the neighborhood who pitched in. As noted in the article on page 18, two future work days for the park are planned for April 21 and June 2. Read the article for more details and volunteer to make Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park one of the best in the city.

Speaking of Beverly Sheffield—for those of you who don't know about the guy for whom our park is named, just Google him. His birthday was March 7 and he would have been 105 this year. He did so much for the parks system in Austin, and we should all do our part to make the park named after him one that would make him proud.

Unfortunately, lack of funding for our city pools is now jeopardizing the future of the pool at Northwest Park. An article in the March 30th edition of the *Austin American-Statesman* describes the funding needs and the threat of future pool closures, including Beverly Sheffield Pool. I was quoted in the article saying, Beverly Sheffield is "an Austin hero who developed the city's park system and helped save Barton Springs. . . . Northwest Pool has been enjoyed by generations of Austinites, and ANA will do everything in its power to make sure the pool continues to

be enjoyed by generations to come." I stand by that pledge.

There have been some important developments on CodeNEXT in the last couple of months. In mid-February, the third and final draft of CodeNEXT, which rezones every property in Austin, was completed. The ANA will be putting together our comments this month and will distribute them through the neighborhood listserv and website. There are two upcoming public hearings on CodeNEXT, and we need neighbors to attend one of them to make their opinions known. The Joint Land Use Commissions meetings on CodeNEXT are April 28, 10am, at the Dove Springs Recreation Center and on May 1, 4pm, at the Palmer Events Center. If you have a problem with the up-zoning of virtually every piece of property in Allandale and its potential impacts of higher property taxes, crowded schools, increased flooding, worse traffic, more parked cars on the streets, more home demolitions—the list goes on—then attend one of these meetings and make your voice heard!

Organizers of a petition drive to require voters to approve comprehensive Land Development Code revisions, including CodeNEXT, turned in 32,000 signatures to the Austin city clerk on March 29. Only 20,000 valid signatures from registered voters are needed to put the measure to the voters, but the City Attorney is claiming the petition is not legal. Mayor Adler concurred, telling the *Austin Monitor*, "If the intent was to actu-

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ally come up with an ordinance that was consistent with state law, I don't know that the people who did this petition have actually presented something that works. But that's something we need to take a look at." Stay tuned for updates.

Another major change that occurred since the last issue of the Allandale Neighbor was not a good one—we lost some of our innocence, peace of mind, and the lives of fellow Austinites at the hands of a disturbed young man from Pflugerville. The bomber had all of us on edge, but thanks to the hard work of the Austin Police Department, FBI, and BATE, the terror ended fairly quickly. See our article offering condolences and thanks on the front page.

I hope to see you all out there at Northwest Park and CodeNEXT public hearings. As always, send me your great ideas for making Allandale and the ANA even greater. ☘




Above: The Ehlers/ Everett family enjoy the bluebonnets in Beverly Sheffield Northwest Park.

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## Lights Out at the Light Bulb Shop

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graphs—in the Metro section of the *Austin American Statesman* (March 19 and March 25)? That is what happened when the owners of the Light Bulb Shop decided to close the business after 38 years, 17 of them at the corner of Burnet and White Horse Trail. The press response has been focused as much on “Light Bulb Ed,” the man above the shop’s front door, as it has been on the store’s history, the future of the property, and the people involved with the store.

Kelly McGary, manager at the Light Bulb Shop, reports that Light Bulb Ed will remain in place even after the Light Bulb Shop closed earlier this month. The property’s new owners have asked that the iconic fixture remain in place so they can easily point people to the property since “Light Bulb Ed” is so well-known in Austin.

Light Bulb Ed was modeled on and named after Edwin McGary, Kelly’s father, who along with spouse Traci, own

the Light Bulb Shop. In the early 1990s, Blue Genie Art designed and installed Light Bulb Ed when the family business was located at North Lamar and St. Johns. Because the McGary family is retaining legal ownership of Lite Bulb Ed, they can reclaim him if the new owners decide he needs to move from his present location.

Kelly, a 1993 graduate of McCallum High School, has grown up with the Light Bulb Shop and its parent company, Lamar Wholesale Supply, which was begun by her parents in 1980. Just as she herself spent pre-school and after school hours at the company, Kelly’s own daughter has spent a lot of time at the Light Bulb Shop, mostly recently handling inventory issues during her spring break last month.

New customers are sometimes surprised to find a dog on the premises. Summer, a golden retriever/border collie

mix from the rescue league spends days at the store, keeping employees and customers company. Kelly says their customer base has become an extended family, a feeling she is sorry to lose with the closing. Some neighborhood customers regularly stop in for news and views as well as light bulbs. One especially loyal customer regularly checks in with his neighbors so he can do their light bulb shopping for them, giving him a reason to stop at the Light Bulb Shop for a chat.

Ronnie Stewart, a ten-year veteran at the shop, says he has most enjoyed “helping customers find what they need and then seeing their faces light up.” A similar sentiment is echoed by Mike Chaffin, who Edwin McGary hired seventeen years ago after regularly being served by Mike at one of his favorite restaurants. “I’ve enjoyed wearing lots of hats here, but the best part has been helping customers find the best solutions for them,” says Mike.

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"We've had lots of people coming in, and we are all going to miss the relationship with our customers."

For those of us who might need illumination about our future lighting needs, Kelly is pointing customers to the Light Bulb Depot, which is across Burnet Road from the Coca-Cola bottling plant, north of 183. ☼

## Allandale Eating - T22 Chicken Joint

Robert E. Mace, Dining from Daugherty

The first things I think about when I think about Nashville are country music, the Grand Ole Opry, and those price tags hanging off of Minnie Pearl's hats. I don't think about chicken (or at least I didn't use to). However, not surprisingly, Nashville also has its food traditions, and Nashville-style hot chicken is one of them.

Prince's Hot Chicken Shack is purported to have conjured the contemporary version of hot chicken after Thorton Prince's girlfriend lathered a late-night leg of fried yard fowl with cayenne sauce as revenge for him staying out late one night without her. He liked that angry bird so much that he opened a restaurant dedicated to it. Even today, hot chicken is considered a late night snack in Nashville after an evening of music and friends.

So what makes hot chicken hot chicken? Tradition holds that the chicken is marinated in buttermilk, breaded and fried, and then tumbled in a spicy paste. Sometimes folks apply the spicy paste before the breading as well as after the frying. Time-honored delivery is a pile of spice-glistened chicken atop a slice of white bread capped with pickle chips.

This brings us to Howard Marmulstein's T22 Chicken Joint on Burnet Road. Marmulstein is the owner and executive chef of Salty Sow up on Manor (a worthy stop in its own right). Although he grew up in New York, he has a sincere appreciation (and deft touch) with down-home southern cuisine. Not one to rest on his Salty Sow laurels, Marmulstein opened a trailer called Tumble 22 back in May serving Nashville-style hot fried chicken. T22 Chicken Joint on Burnet brings the trailer's concept (pres-

ently at Star Bar on West 6th Street) to a brick and mortar sit-down experience.

T22 serves food inspired by Nashville-style hot chicken, which means Marmulstein has brought a chef's eye (and taste buds) to the dish. I've never had Nashville-style chicken before Tumble 22, but if it's as good in its natural habitat as this, I'm all in. The chicken at T22 is perfectly fried, juicy, and delicious. The tumble comes in four heat levels (Wimpy, Hot, Dang Hot!, and Fire in the Hole!! (the menu shows the latter with a chicken emitting flames out of both ends; you've been warned!). For the delicate flowers among us, there are non-spicy choices as well.

On my first visit, I was (pleasantly) surprised to find a sit-down, full-service restaurant (many trailer-to-brick transitions offer counter service). The vibe is shabby-chic southern but open and comfortable. Wait staff are friendly and well trained. For my first taste, I went traditional with the 1/4 White (breast and wing, \$7) with Dang Hot! Sauce, described by my waitress as sriracha-level heat. The batter was crunchy, the chicken



juicy, and the sauce the perfect balance between pleasure and pain. For sides, I went with kale slaw (cole slaw with wisps of kale, \$3) and potato salad (\$3); both were pretty dang good. You can get some side dipping sauces for 50 cents apiece. The waitress recommended the Come-

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back Sauce as a fire retardant. I also ordered Sweet Chili Yogurt Sauce, a deliciously sadistic concoction that combines the cool breeze of yogurt with more pain.

Even the iced tea is chef'd up, offering complex notes like a fine wine (seriously the best iced tea I've ever had). On a second trip, I went with the O.G. Sandwich (hot breast topped with coleslaw, pickles, and mayo; \$9) with sides of fries (\$4) and mac-n-cheese (\$4); again, delicious.

T22 offers a few salads ranging from a Caesar (\$6) to a Potato Chip (\$7) to a Hot Chicken Cobb (\$9). The Potato Chip is ephemeral: It was there the first time I went and not the second (and now appears again on the menu). When I asked what happened to the Potato Chip Salad on my second trip, the waiter explained, "We learned that people that want to eat salads aren't likely to eat a salad sprinkled with potato chips." T22 also serves oysters and other sides and pies

(be sure to save room and share the memorable Mile High Lemon Meringue). They also serve beer, a couple Texas wines, and mixed drinks to help wash on-site (or off-site) pain away. T22 also offers family-style to-go piles of chicken and chicken tenders.

The prices are amazingly reasonable given the quality of the food and the sit-down nature of the restaurant. The vibe is friendly and down-home with an excellently curated playlist of blues and old rock-n-roll.

You might wonder whether or not Allandale needs another chicken joint with what is becoming Fried Chicken Row along Burnet with Lucy's Fried Chicken, Flyrite Chicken, Top Notch, and now Tumble 22. However, each joint scratches a different culinary itch. Top Notch pitches old-style fried chicken, Lucy's chef's up that old-style, Flyrite offers fast-casual and drive-through chick-



en sandwiches, and Tumble 22 (considerably) spices things up. All are delicious. All are great additions to the neighborhood.

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## More Allandale Eating - Quick Bites

Robert E. Mace, Dining from Daugherty

There's always something good cookin' in Allandale for foodies these days! Three recent (and exciting) announcements concern (1) the good folks of Ramen/Kemuri Tatsu-Ya leasing space next to Tacodeli, (2) a new Home Slice going in on North Loop, and (3) the mysterious Sumptuary.

*Time Out* listed Ramen Tatsu-Ya as the best ramen slinger in the country, and the owners are currently (well-deservedly) up for a James Beard Award for the best new restaurant in America for Kemuri Tatsu-Ya. No announcements yet on precisely what they plan to put in the space they leased on Burnet, but I'm deliciously excited to see what they mix up. Home Slice, considered by many to be the best pizza in town, is reworking a space at 501 East 53rd Street for a new outlet. It's a wee bit out of the 'hood, but it's a lot closer than South Congress. Sumptuary is

a concept kitchen by Dr. Foo Swasdee (of Satay), Jack Gilmore (of Jack Allen's Kitchen) and others to create a shared (and rentable) restaurant space near the old Satay for pop-up meals by local, regional, and international chefs. If you want to get in early as a Suppporter and to see what's cooking, check out [www.sumptuaryaustin.com](http://www.sumptuaryaustin.com).

In national news, Bryce Gilmore of Barley Swine received yet another James Beard nomination for Best Chef Southwest (come on, Bearders, give the man his award!). In state news, *Texas Monthly* listed Bonhomie as an Honorable Mention



One Taco

in its "The Ten Best New Restaurants in Texas" article. *Texas Monthly* also listed Barley Swine and Fonda San Miguel among the "Best in Town in Austin."

In local news, several stalwarts and newcomers are getting their accolades. *Eater Austin* listed Eldorado Cafe as its #1

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hottest brunch spot. Eater also included Chi'lantro (#2) and Lucy's Fried Chicken (#12) among its "21 Outstanding Chicken Wing Bets in Austin." Eater (who tops the list of listmakers) listed Lala's Little Nugget (#6) and Little Longhorn Saloon (#12) among its "Austin's Iconic Dive Bars." The prolific Eater included Be More Pacific (#2) on its list of the "17 Hottest Restaurants in Austin, March 2018" list. Eater (whew!) also recognized Cover 3 for sporting "resolution friendly" salads.

*CultureMap* gave a shout-out to Chez Nous and Fonda San Miguel as "classic restaurants worth another shot." *CultureMap* also included Yard Bar as one of its seven places to "chase away the winter blues," and the 'Map just listed Pinthouse Pizza as one of Austin's nine best breweries. Be More Pacific and Eldorado Cafe also appeared as nominees for *CultureMap*'s Tastemaker Awards.

*Austin Monthly* listed Veracruz Al Natural (#1 and a short distance up the road to 183 and Burnet) and Tacodeli (#11) as Austin's "Best Breakfast Tacos."

In other news, Flyrite Chicken's Burnet location celebrated its one-year anniversary, and Allandale alumnus The Omelettry, now on Airport, celebrated its 40th anniversary (hopefully with an omelet bedazzled with an age-appropriate number of candles). And word on the street is that Be More Pacific started brunch service on Easter Sunday.

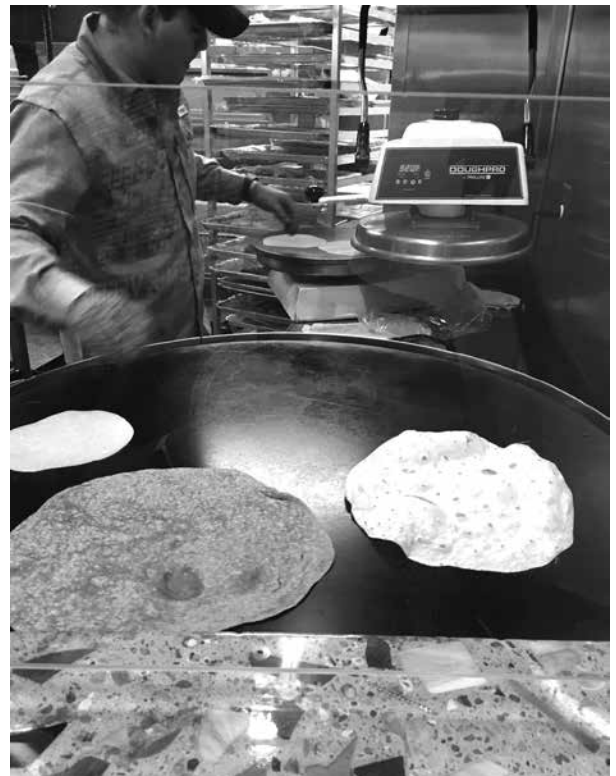
Here are a couple of quick reviews of two new fast-casual restaurants in the hood:

### OneTaco. An Urban Taqueria (2900 Austin Lane, Suite K)

As one of Austin's basic food groups, there's always room for one (or four) more taco joints in the neighborhood. OneTaco, an Austin-based tortilla topper, brings homemade flour and corn tortillas, a variety of fillings, and a snappy 50s-south-of-the-border vibe to Anderson Lane, its second location in town. I've tried their chicken taco (yum!) and el pastor (OK, but I've been spoiled by the richer-than-Bill-Gates al pastors at El Mercado). Perhaps the stars of the show at OneTaco are the tortas: messy layers of taco fillings splayed between two puffy sammich buns. Plus, mega bonus points for spinning my favorite Royksopp track during my second visit: Silicon Soul's Hypno House Dub of Royksopp's Poor Leno/There is a Light That Never Goes Out (A Capella). Yummy to the tummy and the ears!

### Cabo Bob's (7849 Shoal Creek Boulevard)

The simplest way to describe Cabo Bob's is Chipotle's-Run-by-Beach-Bums, and I mean that in the most loving way. Being Austin-based and unshackled from distant corporate soul-sucking suits, Cabo Bob's provides made-to-order foil-wrapped burritos and taco trios but with fresher and funner ingredients. Tortillas



Cabo Bob's

are made in front of you with a tilla-presser (unless you order plain corn; don't order plain corn) with four choices: buttermilk flour, ancho chili, cilantro tomatillo, and smoky cheddar. Bob's sports multiple choices for proteins (sizzled on Big Green Eggs), beans, and veggies (including vegan options). If you don't like to choose, there are pre-arranged options ("I'd like a Number 4 all the way.") as well as several specialty options. While not the healthiest item on the menu, the ground hamburger riddled with fresh bacon-bits is memorably savory. And the place is hopping with high-schoolers, families, and folks simply looking for a great burrito. ☼

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# Allandale Outside: Spring has Sprung!

Ginger Soulé

It's the day after our much needed 2 ½ inch plus delightful rainfall! Though you'll be reading this weeks later, keep this in mind for future. The rain helped our heaps of oak pollen to dissolve into the ground. Unsightly though it may be, pollen is primarily nitrogen, so everything just got a free dose of fertilizer. Of course, plants need more than just nitrogen, which slow release organic fertilizers will provide. Rain storms with lightening provide plants another benefit. Lightening precipitates nitrogen out of the air, (which is roughly 78% nitrogen per American Heritage Science Dictionary) which then falls to earth dissolved in rain drops.

Now for more timely issues. Lady Banks and other climbers and spring blooming roses can be pruned right after their blooms decline. As they bloom on last year's growth, this gives them ample time to put on the growth they will bloom on next spring. Shrub roses that

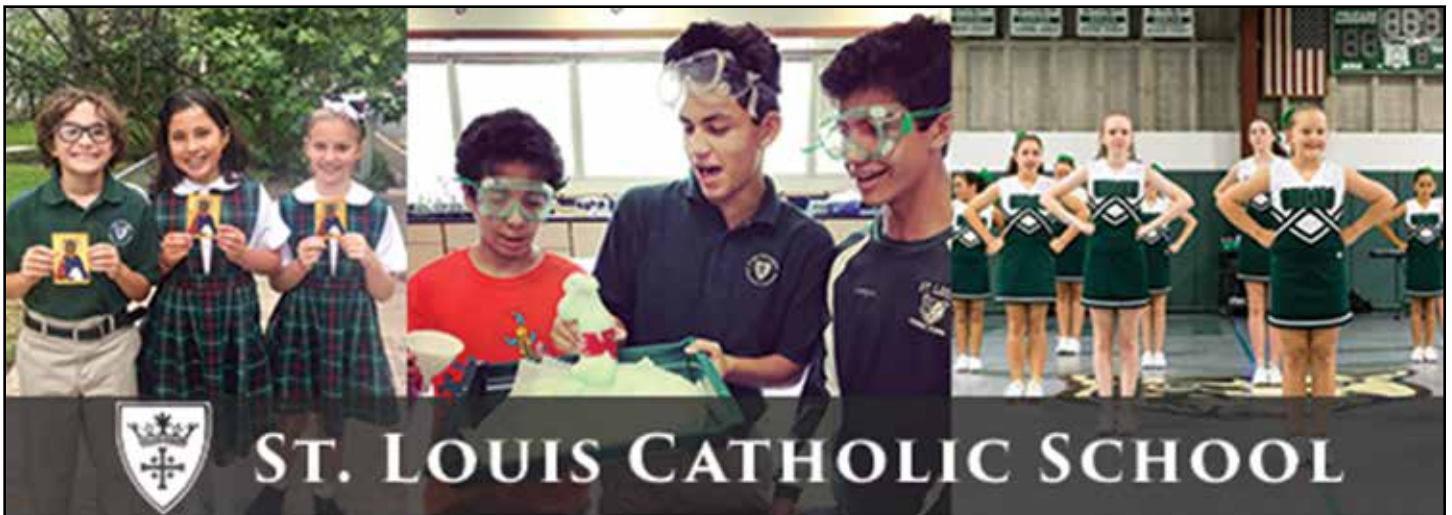
bloom again in fall need pruning in late Aug. to put on their best fall display. Many of you will have already planted tomatoes. We should be past frost now— have pecans leafed out? That's the best indicator we're past frost. But don't forget to protect them if we have temperatures below 45 degrees. They are semi-tropical plants and can suffer stem damage which will retard their growth.

The best amendment for lawns in the spring is a quarter inch layer of compost. Save your fertilizer for fall. The advantage of fall fertilizing is that it helps the grass store carbohydrates in the root system which helps the grass come through winter in the best possible condition especially when we have excep-

tional cold and/or drought conditions.

Many of us like caladiums for summer color. If you buy bulbs to start yourself, start them in small pots and provide them some bottom warmth and modest moisture until they show active growth. Because they are tropical and don't like cool soils, dormant bulbs shouldn't be set out until at least the first week of May. If you prefer to plant already growing caladiums, they can be set out late April. Once in active growth, they can stand more temperature variation and damp cool soil. Let's hope that April showers show up to provide us an abundance of May flowers and make up for our rain deficit. Happy gardening everyone. ☘

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## BUG OFF! Pillbugs

Wizzie Brown

**P**illbugs, or roly-polys, are crustaceans, more closely related to crayfish and shrimp than insects. Crustaceans usually live in aquatic environments, but pillbugs are terrestrial. Even though they live on land, they still require moist environments for survival. Pillbugs do not bite, sting, transmit diseases, or cause physical damage to the home or its contents.

Pillbugs are one quarter to half inch long with dark grey coloring. Their oval bodies are convex above and either flat or concave underneath. Pillbugs have seven pairs of legs and two pairs of antennae and roll up into a ball when disturbed.

Pillbugs are scavengers, feeding mainly on decaying organic matter. They may occasionally feed on young, tender plants,

but damage is typically not significant. They can be found under mulch, leaf litter, flower pots, compost, stones or other items resting on the ground.

Pillbugs may invade crawl spaces and homes at ground level with common points of entry being door thresholds and expansion joints. When these pests are seen indoors, there is usually a large population breeding outside of the home near the foundation. Since pillbugs require moisture, they do not survive indoors for more than a few days unless there are very moist or damp conditions.

To manage infestations inside the home, rely on sanitation and exclusion techniques. Repair or replace door thresholds and seal expansion joints where pillbugs may be entering the structure. Pesticides are not usually needed indoors to manage these occasional invaders. They soon die on their own from lack of moisture and can be swept up using a broom and dustpan or a vacuum.

Outdoors, move any piles of debris away from the foundation of the home. If there are high numbers in and around

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## Gullett Good News

Piper Browne

**G**ullett is proud and humbled to announce that BookSpring was a huge success again this year! We raised almost \$38,000 to help BookSpring make sure that all kids in Austin have books of their own. Thank you to everyone in our community who helped support this effort and encourage all our voracious Gecko readers.

If you notice any tired and/or giggly parents and teachers by the time this newsletter reaches you, that's because they were out late having a blast at the most recent VIVA Gullett. This is the most FUN-draiser we do every year, and it couldn't happen without the donations of time and services from our Allandale neighbors.

As we mentioned in the last issue, Lettuce Networks is partnering with Gullett to grow an urban farm right in front of the school! Doesn't it look incredible? Check out <https://lettuce.fm/> to find out more and sign up for your meal kit! A portion of the proceeds go back to Gullett, and the program also supports sus-

tainable and affordable healthy meal options in Austin.

If you or someone you know is planning to attend Gullett for the 2018/19 school year, now is the time to register! Go to: [my.austinisd.org](http://my.austinisd.org) to create a parent cloud account and register new and returning students.

### Other upcoming dates worthy of note:

May 20: Gullett's Second Annual Bowl-a-palooza

May 30: Last day of classes for students (how is this happening already?)


One more reminder that we are looking for a friendly neighbor to be our new crossing guard at the intersection of Treadwell and Shoal Creek Boulevard! We would love to have one of our neighbors fill this position so please apply!!

To keep on top of all the good stuff happening at Gullett, check out Gullett-Geckos.com. ☼



landscape beds, turn the mulch to allow it dry out which makes the area uninhabitable. Any leaky faucets or irrigation lines as well as leaking air conditioning units should be repaired to eliminate moisture buildup. You may choose a pesticide to treat mulched areas or other areas that are harboring large pillbug populations. Look for products labeled for pillbugs, sowbugs, or isopods.


For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512-854-9600. Check out my blog at [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com). ☼



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# All About Lamar

Laura Dooley

This will be the last All About Lamar update before the end of the school year. The halls of our school are abuzz with youthful energy as kids work together to create, perform, display, and show off their knowledge of all they've learned this year.

Many of our Fine Arts Strands are entering their respective seasons of UIL (University Scholastic League) competition. A sampling:

- The symphonic winds and symphonic band, under the direction of Mr. Hairston, earned top scores (all "ones") at their UIL competition, earning themselves a sweepstakes award!
- The symphony orchestra, under the direction of Ms. Kizer, is showing their skills to the world by performing pieces intended for much older musicians; not only did they play a difficult piece



at their UIL competition, they were the only middle school orchestra to receive all "ones," earning themselves a sweepstakes as well!

- As our newsletter goes to press, the theater students, under the direction of Ms. Easter, and the choir students, under the direction of Ms. Starkey, are excitedly preparing for their respective UIL competitions; they can sense all "ones" in their futures as well!
- The Jr. VASE (Visual Arts Scholastic Event) competition for our visual arts students is coming up later in April... always a delight to see what these kids create!

The students in the advanced culinary arts class, led by Ms. Reyes, are embarking on the ambitious and delicious Pizza Wars! Students will create food truck businesses that sell pizza. They'll construct models of their trucks, create menus, and bake their own pizzas. Lamar staff members will come in and act as guest judges. What a fun multisensory experience!

Did you know Lamar has an archery team? We not only have a team, but it's a great one... the entire team qualified for the state competition and celebrated by ringing Lamar's victory bell. Way to go, archers!

On March 23, the Lamar community gathered in the courtyard for an event called Speak Out Scotties – Concert for Peace. Students worked in conjunction with Ms. Gomez and members of the administration for a time of reflection and expression, rather than embarking on a walk-out, the idea of which presented all kinds of logistical issues. As a community, we stand in solidarity with the many schools across our nation that have experienced gun violence. At the concert, students formed 17 different groups to make music, dance, and speak, all to support peace, harmony, and community.

It has been a great year at Lamar. Parents and other adults here in Allandale often talk about how delighted they are with their neighborhood middle school. For those without a direct connection to the school, consider taking a moment to



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talk to your middle school neighbors, asking what their favorite thing about their school is. You'll get lots of different

answers, and that's a good thing... there's something for everyone at Lamar!  
And don't forget everybody's "favor-

ite"... STAAR testing begins April 10 and runs intermittently through May 18. ☼

## It's Knight Time – McCallum Updates

Compiled by Jill Whiteside Schavrda

**A**ll McCallum parents should know... The school WEBSITE will answer most of your questions about McCallum HS. Mark the home page [www.mccallumhs.com](http://www.mccallumhs.com), as a favorite. It is your link to all information about McCallum High School. The MACKNIGHTLY bi-weekly email newsletter brings you the most current news. See <https://mccallumhs.com/programs/parents/> for more information!

### Important Dates:

April 28th 8pm – 11pm – Senior Prom at the Blanton  
May 7th – PTSA Meeting - Library  
May 28th – Student and Staff Holiday – Memorial Day  
May 30th – Final Exams – Last Day of Classes  
May 30th – 7pm - Academy Convocation

May 31st – Graduation 10am  
May 31st – Project Graduation – A safe, Senior graduation celebration!

### Gullett Senior Grad Walk – May 29th 7:45 a.m.

The graduating class of 2018 will walk the halls of Gullett Elementary wearing caps and gowns. This is a special yearly tradition. Current Gullett Elementary students and staff line the halls to cheer them on. Any Gullett alums graduating this year are welcome. Meet in the Library. Bring tissue folks! If you need more info, please reach out to [jillwsreal-tor@gmail.com](mailto:jillwsreal-tor@gmail.com).

### Project Graduation Fundraisers

Please support fundraisers for Project Graduation – a safe senior graduation celebration!

April 14 – Mattress sale at Norris Center on Anderson Ln. (click here for information)  
April 21 – Savers (contact Karrie Manella – 512.468.5746)  
May 8 – Vivo (restaurant give back)  
May 18/19 – Fry's (making/selling hot dogs)

Ongoing: Royal Tuxedo on Burnet or at The Domain will donate \$10 to the class of 2018 for each tux rental – just mention McCallum HS!

Questions? Want to help? Contact Emily Ramirez, [emramirez007@gmail.com](mailto:emramirez007@gmail.com).

### Fine Arts Academy Performances and Events

<https://mccallumhs.com/fine-arts-academy/events/>



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## It's Knight Time – McCallum Updates

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### McCallum Knights Baseball- Games through April

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asp?url=machardball](http://www.leaguelineup.com/schedules.asp?url=machardball)

### Summer Robotics Camp Now Enrolling

June 25th - June 29th, 2018 McCallum Engineering Lab (room 151) 9am – 4pm, for students entering 5th through 9th grades.

Young students can join us for 5 days of guided exploration into STEM topics, including robotic programming, structural design, and aerospace concepts. Our camp will allow students to explore STEM design fields, help fund our program, offer current students opportunities to mentor younger students, and provide outreach opportunities for STEM education in our community. Please visit <http://mccallumrobotics.weebly.com/>



[summer-camp.html](#) for more information and to register. Questions? Contact Audrea Moyers, 512-905-5598

### WANTED- MAC News Contributor - Allandale Newsletter

As my daughter graduates from McCallum High School this year, I will be moving on from compiling important dates for the Allandale Neighbor. It's a relatively easy task, thanks to the great MAC website, The MacNightly e-newsletter and Laura's gentle but firm reminders that my article is due every 2-3 months. If you are interested in writing an actual article or just compiling info, like I have done for the past four years, please contact: Laura Beck, [laurabeckcahoon@gmail.com](mailto:laurabeckcahoon@gmail.com). Thank you for letting me be a part of this! Cheers! Jill Whiteside Schavrdá ☘

## Neighborhood Watch

Laura DiCarlo, ANA Safety Chair, [lhdicarlo@yahoo.com](mailto:lhdicarlo@yahoo.com)

### Activities of the Safety Committee since the February newsletter:

- Learned of and disseminated crime/safety information
- Cleaned up and reported graffiti
- Held a TAKE10 CPR training on February 24 at the Northwest Recreation Center
- Attended the February 23 Coffee with a Cop event at the Anderson Lane Whataburger
- Bombings

Obviously the biggest concern since the writing of the February newsletter was the bombings that occurred in Austin throughout March. The ANA Safety Committee forwarded a March 12 press release from Leslie Pool's office to the block captains and Allandale list-serv after the first three attacks, and put out a message to be extra vigilant after the fourth bomb exploded using a trip wire as the threat had gone beyond packages. Please

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see the article from the EC on the front page of this newsletter for more discussion of the bombings, the EC's condolences to the vic-

tim's families, and praise for those who helped solve the case.

### Crime Stats

There was an aggravated robbery at the Walgreens on Anderson Lane at 9:51pm on February 19 – the perpetrator showed a weapon to a store manager and took money. The manager was not allowed to give any more details but a white Toyota pick-up was observed at the scene.

Q-Toys at 6800 Burnet Road was burglarized on February 14 – perpetrators driving a U-Haul smashed a front window and stole high dollar value items but were out in 20 seconds and the store manager did not have any other information.

Credit card skimming occurred again on February 21 and 24 at the Exxon/7-11 at 7844 Burnet Road. Skimming had been reported there and at Pronto Gas (8630 Research Blvd) in January as well. To be safe at any gas station you can take your credit card inside, pay with cash, use the pump closest to the building/easily observed by the attendant, and don't use a debit card. There are apps that help alert people to possible skimmers and sometimes machines that have been tampered will look odd.

There have been two Burglary of Residences (BORs) and nine Burglary of Vehicles (BOVs) since the writing of the February newsletter. The BORs were on Richcreek and Bullcreek, and in the case on Richcreek neighbors saw the perpetrators and scared them off so nothing was stolen. Here is the email that the victim sent to the list-serv on February 24: "We left to run errands at approximately 10 am this morning and shortly after we left, a beige Ford 4-door pick up truck with 2-3 young men pulled up to our house, kicked in the door, and attempted to burglarize our home. Our neighbor saw them, came out screaming, and called the police. They immediately ran out when they saw her, jumped in their truck, and drove off. As of now, it looks like they took nothing. She truly saved the day. We are beyond grateful for her heroism and

quick thinking. Please be aware and let's all continue to watch out for each other." I responded on the list-serv that while it is wonderful to have neighbors who watch out for each other we also must be careful not to put ourselves in harm's way; calling 911 immediately and telling them there is an active burglary taking place is always a good option.

The perpetrators in this case kicked in the front door, and I want to make sure everyone knows that three-inch screws in your strike plate can make the difference between having your door kicked in and

would-be perpetrator giving up because it's too hard to do. I encourage everyone to change the flimsy little screws most Allandale homes have in their doors to three-inch screws.

The BOVs were on Great Oaks Parkway, Burnet Road (at the Allandale Vet Clinic), the apartments at 5350 Burnet, and four of them were at the apartments on Lawnmont. I have a call in to an investigator on one of the Lawnmont BOVs and will see whether they need

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### Common questions we get:

How does our spending compare?  
How can we pay less in taxes?  
Is our college fund on track?  
How should we invest our 401k?  
Do we have the right insurance?  
What about wills and trusts?  
Can we afford to remodel or move?  
Should we buy a rental property?  
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## Neighborhood Watch

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Neighborhood Watch support in that apartment complex. Radios, computers, clothes, wallets or purses were stolen in all of the cases.

### Thank you for Graffiti Clean-up

Thanks to:

- Kata Carbone, Rand Zumwalt and Kevin Smith for their organization of graffiti abatement at NW Park during It's My Park Day on March 3
- the city for supplying paint, poles, rollers, and cleaning supplies
- Allandale residents Ranleigh Hirsh, Margie Gordon, and Sammy Huffaker for painting over tags under the 45th Street bridge
- the Allandale residents who volunteered to paint over the tags in the drainage ditch behind 7800 Shoal Creek and the railroad tracks but didn't get to do so because the city said the Watershed Protection Department will have to take care of that area (I have been in contact with our APD District Representative Officer Everett Beldin and the property management company who owns 7800 SCB for

ongoing issues with graffiti and homeless camping in that area)

Anyone who is coming to the April 21 cleanup day at Northwest Park, as we'll be doing graffiti abatement there as well.

### TAKE10 Compression Only CPR


The safety committee held a TAKE10 Compression Only CPR training 2/24 at the Northwest Recreation Center. Sponsored by the Office of the Medical Director, this was the 5th annual training the safety committee has done to celebrate heart healthy month. The training is powerful because people who learned full CPR often say they would be nervous to perform it on someone because they forgot the details of the mouth to mouth part. Compression only is quick and easy and more people are likely to help a victim in distress as they can remember the easy steps of checking, calling, and compressing.

### List-serve and citizen issues

Graffiti and broken window theory discussion including division over Janker's level of concern and appeal for others to

report graffiti (I agree with Janker, everyone should be using the 311 app to report graffiti and it works well to report downed trees, poison ivy, etc.)

- Scam going around in which residents receive calls that appear to be from Apple and another in which people receive calls that they owe money because they missed their jury duty
- Residents were asked to be on the lookout for parts of a car identified as a Chevy Sonic from 2012-2015 that were left behind when it hit a resident's car on White Rock on February 17, pushing it into the resident's other car
- Discussion of safe cycling, issues with cars and bikes sharing the road, and a bicycle accident that occurred March 18 on Shoal Creek Blvd by Whiteway
- Question about a new city code taking effect in April that will mandate carbon monoxide detectors in homes with gas appliances or attached garages
- Packages that had been misdelivered and were then placed at the right home were stolen from a porch on



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Caviler on February 18. I sent a post to the list-serv to please hand packages to the owner whenever possible and people can focus on this advice again now since the bombings are over.

As always, please contact me at lhdicarlo@yahoo.com or 512-529-1701 if you are interested in becoming a block captain, patrol, helping with TAKE10, or helping document and then remove graffiti. Thanks!

## Our APD District Representative:

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## Austin Roots, Global Impact: Austin Classical Guitar

Karen Gallant

Austin Classical Guitar (ACG) is a non-profit arts organization that has been based in northwest Austin for over twenty-five years. Initially formed as a club for guitarists, ACG has grown steadily into the largest arts-based service organization of its kind in the United States, with guitar education programs in schools that reach thousands of young people in Austin and beyond, a range of innovative social services, community ensembles for youth and adults, and several different concert series that present close to 100 concerts every year.

I became aware of ACG as I was completing my master's degree in flute performance at The University of Texas. I was so impressed with the organization and its mission to serve the community through music, and the creative ways they were using music to build long lasting positive connections between people that would not ordinarily exist. I never imagined as a flutist I would become deeply involved in a classical guitar organization, but when an opportunity arose in 2015 to join the team at ACG, I said yes, and haven't looked back since!

ACG's work is motivated by our belief that music makes people's lives better. We believe music is one of the oldest, wisest, and most patient teachers there is, and a universal means of expression for humankind. These beliefs are reinforced whenever we bring music to places like a juvenile detention center, a community clinic, and the county jail. Time and time again, I've witnessed first-hand the unique power of music to be open and welcoming to all people, instilling a sense of belonging and connection.

ACG launched its first guitar class at McCallum High School in 2001. Today, we support ensemble-based classical guitar education programs in more than fifty local schools. Our Allendale partners include Lamar Middle School and Texas

School for the Blind & Visually Impaired, where we offer a braille-adapted course. ACG also offers the only daily fine arts class available to young people incarcerated at the Gardner Betts Juvenile Justice Center.

In appreciation of the incredible support we receive from our wonderful community, **I would like to invite members of the Allendale Neighborhood Association to experience some of Austin Classical Guitar's programming for FREE on Saturday, April 28, when a cello and guitar duo from Russia will perform at the AISD Performing Arts Center (1500 Barbara Jordan Blvd.) for the finale of our 17/18 International Series.** The concert will also feature an opening performance by an ensemble made up of over 100 guitarists from around Texas! Just send an email to my colleague Ian at [Ian@AustinClassicalGuitar.org](mailto:Ian@AustinClassicalGuitar.org) or call 512-300-2247 and mention you're with ANA.

From concerts to social

service, Austin Classical Guitar is a unique Austin creation, with a big and bright future serving our community and beyond. Learn more at [www.AustinClassicalGuitar.org](http://www.AustinClassicalGuitar.org), or call to schedule a visit!

*Karen Gallant is an Allendale Resident and Director of Operations for Austin Classical Guitar, as well as an active flutist in central Texas ☿*

### Letters to the Editor:

We'd love for readers to submit newsletter ideas, stories, and reactions to articles

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# Next Steps for Northwest Park

Monica Malhotra

Thanks to all our amazing volunteers, the Allandale Neighborhood Association (ANA) Parks Committee held a successful 'It's My Park Day' in March. We mulched trees, eliminated graffiti in the park, disposed of litter and trimmed the plant beds around the pool.

We are planning two future work days in the park. The first, on April 21, is to spruce up the area around the pool, and will include painting, power-washing, planting and staining benches. The second, on June 2, is to improve the picnic areas by painting the tables and grills. These work days were made possible by the generosity of donors to our Amplify

Austin fundraiser for the park. We reached our goal of over \$1,000 raised which will be eligible for matching by Austin Parks Foundation and in future grants.

In my article from the last issue, I mentioned the ANA wants to hear from the community regarding possible changes and improvements to Northwest Park. Therefore we have designed a survey (see pages 19 and 20) which can be mailed in or taken online at [www.tinyurl.com/northwestparksurvey](http://www.tinyurl.com/northwestparksurvey) to gather this feedback. Please take a few moments to complete this survey. The results will set the course for the park over the next few

years. Not only will this feedback play a large role in grants we can qualify for, it will influence the prioritization of projects and the inclusion or exclusion of amenities at the park in the future.

Going forward, we will be combining the Parks Committee with interested members from the neighborhoods surrounding the park and creating a new entity, 'Friends of Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park.' If you are interested in joining this group please email us at [friendsofnorthwestdistrictpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofnorthwestdistrictpark@gmail.com). ☼





# Survey of Community Priorities for Northwest District Park

Conducted by Friends of Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park

1. Email address \_\_\_\_\_

2. How often do you visit Northwest District Park (when the weather permits)?

Mark only one oval. ☐ A few times a week ☐ A few times a month ☐ A few times a year

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What do you like to do at the park? *Check all that apply.*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Play at the playscape   | <input type="radio"/> Run or walk around the park |
| <input type="radio"/> Attend a social event (birthday party, family/friend or work get together, etc) | <input type="radio"/> Swim at the pool            |
| <input type="radio"/> Play basketball   | <input type="radio"/> Play tennis                 |
| <input type="radio"/> Attend an exercise or wellness class  | <input type="radio"/> Play baseball / softball    |
| <input type="radio"/> Picnic / BBQ  | <input type="radio"/> Bike                        |
|   | <input type="radio"/> Walk or play with dogs      |

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please rank from 1st-6th the below small improvements to the park in order of which matter the most to you (1st is the most important; mark ONE circle per row AND column):

*Mark only one oval per row.*

	Adding/improving seating and shade to the playscape area	Adding/improving seating and shade to the basketball court/ tennis court area	Adding bike racks through the park	Painting, spruce up around the park (ex: signs, railings, playscape, retaining walls)	Protecting and mulching trees	Abating graffiti and litter clean up
1st	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2nd	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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4th	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5th	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6th	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. Please rank from 1st-7th the below mid level improvements to the park in order of which matter the most to you (1st is the most important; mark ONE circle per row AND column):

*Mark only one oval per row.*

	Adding/updating equipment to playscape	Adding a soccer field	Adding a dog park	Resurfacing the basketball court	Resurfacing the tennis courts	Adding a volleyball court	Improving pathways around the pond/adding additional seating
1st	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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**SURVEY CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

# Survey of Community Priorities for Northwest District Park, continued.

6. Please rank from 1st-5th the below large scale improvements to the park in order of which matter the most to you (1st is the most important; mark ONE circle per row AND column):

Mark only one oval per row.

	Repair and improve the pool	Adding a covered pavilion	Adding a performing arts space	Building a path that loops around the park and adding connecting paths both to enter the park and within the park (facilitating walkers, runners, bikers, strollers, wheelchairs etc)	Remodeling the existing restroom / Adding more restrooms
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2nd	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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5th	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. Are there any other improvements you would like to see to the park?

8. What kind of public art or community events would you like to see at Northwest District Park? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Large scale art installations
- ☐ Music concerts
- ☐ Movies in the park
- ☐ Fitness classes
- ☐ Seasonal events (ex: egg hunts, pizza and ice cream socials)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_:

9. What concerns do you have about safety in the park, if any?

How would you be interested in contributing to the improvement of Northwest District Park? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Donating money
- ☐ Volunteering time
- ☐ Volunteering skilled labor
- ☐ Joining Friends of Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park
- ☐ Not at this time, but please keep me informed of updates

Other: \_\_\_\_\_:

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## Condolences to the Bombing Victims; Thanks to Law Enforcement

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In addition to sharing the sorrow, the Allandale Neighborhood Association wants to express our deep-felt thanks to the FBI who helped gather the intelligence and also to the ATF, for piecing together the ballistics and clues. These federal agencies in conjunction with numerous local, regional and statewide partners helped end the bombings. You are all professionals and heroes in our minds. THANK YOU!

Finally, we are Texas and specifically, Austin proud. We send our biggest appreciation to the entirety of the Austin Police Department and Interim-Chief Brian Manley. The nation saw your best efforts just like we witness every day. ☸

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Erin Ray Keeping Pathways Clear

## Let the Competition Begin!

Get motivated to help Allandale



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Of the 70 streets and almost 1900 homes that I surveyed when this project first began, 35% had issues with vegetation blocking the right of way.

The 3 **best** streets are: Silvercrest Cir.  
Stardust Dr.  
Yellowpine Ter.

The 3 **worst** streets are: Louise Ln.  
Rickey Dr.  
Pineleaf Pl.

I will be doing a second survey between when you read this and the next article in June - which will have the new results of the three best and three worst streets.

What I will be looking for is overgrowth into streets, overgrowth into sidewalks, and low hanging branches over streets (14 feet) and sidewalks (8 feet).

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## Our Future Looks Bright With Civic Minded Young Adults, Including our Neighbor!

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of the March for Our Lives, that happened March 24. But this is way more than that inspiring one day gathering. Conor and others like him are using what happened in Parkland as the forcing factor to make many things happen, not just on one day, but for always. I had the privilege of talking with Conor, and want you all to know our impressive neighbor.

Conor says his first involvement in politics was when he was about 8 years old, canvassing for Obama with his Dad. He was too young to fully realize what they were doing, but this definitely established the foundation. He attended Fulmore Middle School because he was interested in law. His time there was formative, from great teachers to valuable training in public speaking. He said they would pull topics from a bowl and have to create points of view on the fly with arguments to back up their thinking. He went on to LASA (Liberal Arts and Science Academy) at LBJ High School where he is a senior. Next year, he hopes to attend George Washington University in DC with a focus on pre-law and/or poly sci. But it all began here in Allandale where Conor has lived his whole life, including attending Gullett Elementary from kinder to 5th.

It was after the inauguration in 2017 that Conor knew his life's passion. He's been volunteering for Beta O'Rourke's campaign, out canvassing again, this time on his own. After the Parkland shooting, he knew he had to act. That was on a Wednesday and by Friday, seeing the FL students protesting, the core group of three high school student leaders in Austin formed: Conor, along with Jack Kappleman and Kari Siegenthaler, also at LASA. These three were joined by countless others who organized on a group text, and met live, to bring together the Austin March for Our Lives, which drew an estimated 20,000 who marched from City



Hall to the Capitol. Conor's message was not partisan, should not be polarizing: "We demand commonsense changes to our gun laws so students can study with the quiet reassurance that they are safe in their classrooms."

He and about 30 other young adults in Austin, from LASA, LBJ, Vandegrift, University of Texas, other high schools and some middle schoolers too, figured out how to bring together 20,000 and an impressive slate of speakers. The event was all student-run and student-led with a lot of support and guidance from others, including those from the Women's March. Our mayor and city council supported them and waived City Hall fees, and attended in large numbers! The event was sponsored by State Rep Gina Hinojosa. The organizing group reached out to all elected officials, of all parties, from local to state to national, and invited them to attend. From those interested in attending, the students figured out the slate of speakers.

It was an inspiring day for many, and our gathering in Austin was only one of over 800. It was just the start. Now, Conor says, they are working to formalize an advocacy group that will focus on voting. I didn't know that a college student ID is not a valid proof for voting in the current Texas Voter ID laws. Yet, today's young people, especially those in urban areas and with better public transporta-

tion options all the time, are less likely to have a drivers license. Conor wants to change that. He also noted how automatic voter registration at public universities just makes sense because those systems are tied to the state's. He also commented on the new citizenship box on the census, which infuriates him. Another goal is deputy voter registrars in every high school in the Austin area to make registering to vote that much easier for new voters.

Conor said they are working to knit together all the other similar groups of students across the state (around 30 or so) to work together. The next moves of this tidal wave of young adults will be centered on voting. If they have beliefs and perspectives, they must vote to get elected officials in place that best represent them, and laws in place that reflect those passions. Town Halls planned and attended by students are in the plans. Conor says he wants to lobby law makers at all levels to build off this movement. I say, go for it, please! As our mayor said on March 24, these young adults have made more happen in two months than our generation has in 20 years. Hope is high thanks to strong future leaders like Conor, one of Allandale's own.

Please keep watching here as their efforts formalize so we can support them, in action, and dollars. There is a lot of work to be done. ☸

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## We Want You for the Allandale Garage Sale!

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**Saturday, May 5, 2018  
9am-2pm**

**G**ot stuff? Kids grown out of clothes? Or, just need to get rid of the clutter in the extra room?

Well, just download an app; take pictures; reply to emails; buy packing materials; and ship the items to somebody somewhere. Then, after the processing fees, watch as the funds hit your digital wallet. Soon, you see everybody else is benefiting from your transactions. You go and try to forget the experience but realize you didn't make enough off the sale to cover the costs of your dinner.

Wait! There is a better way and it involves your neighbors. **Join the rest of Allandale and participate in the Neighborhood Garage Sale on Saturday, May 5th.**

We have the advertisements already covered. There will be sales across the neighborhood and shoppers will be here ready to buy. All you need to do is get your treasured items priced to move and watch as the crowds flock to your yard or garage. Then, get ready to negotiate and watch the sales multiply. It couldn't be easier.

Afterwards, go and celebrate the new space you have created in your home. Don't worry. You have the money, and our Allandale restaurants have great prices and better atmosphere.

If you are interested in participating and having your garage sale listed with others in the neighborhood, please email Joanne Senyk at joannesellsaustin@gmail.com. You can also call or text her for further information at 512-844-1302. ☼

## Toybrary Is a Thriving Five Year Old Growing Fast!

Laura Beck

**N**early four years ago, I interviewed Liza Wilson, owner of Toybrary to learn what it was all about. At that time, my own children were almost aged out of this awesome neighborhood resource. Now, those that were devotees in 2014 may have little brothers or sisters taking advantage of Toybrary— or new friends to spread the word to. Please do! This is a neighbor doing so many good things for our children.

Toybrary has moved to a bigger, better space, now at 2001 Justin Lane. It has added an adjacent eco-friendly pre-school as well as a playground with sandbox, garden, climbing wall, bike track and playhouse! There are often BYOB family concerts with food from local restaurants on the playground. People are always welcome to bring a picnic and enjoy the playground during the day. There are still many events and

classes, for kids as well as new parents, and new themes like gardening (hands on, outside). And it's a great location for kid birthday parties, especially with all the new goodness outside.

Toybrary remains a lending library for kids where you can check out toys and games for kids from infants to five years old. With a monthly membership, you can take out three toys at a time for as long as a month or a quick as you want to trade them in for something else. And you still don't need a membership to drop in and play! Come by! 2001 Justin, Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Or contact them: info@toybraryaustin.com or 512-765-4174. For more: <http://toybraryaustin.com/>. Bookmark this site as there are always fun activities and events! Happy fifth birthday Toybrary! ☼

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